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<p style="text-align: center;">Request For Continued Examination (RCE) Transmittal</p> <p>Address to: MS RCE Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450</p>	<i>Application Number</i>	08/821,025
	<i>Filing Date</i>	March 19, 1997
	<i>First Named Inventor</i>	Hendrik L. BIJL
	<i>Art Unit</i>	1651
	<i>Examiner Name</i>	I. Marx
	<i>Attorney Docket Number</i>	251502006900

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR 1.114 of the above-identified application.

Request for Continued Examination (RCE) practice under 37 CFR 1.114 does not apply to any utility or plant application filed prior to June 8, 1995, or to any design application.

1. **Submission required under 37 CFR 1.114** Note: If the RCE is proper, any previously filed unentered amendments and amendments enclosed with the RCE will be entered in the order in which they were filed unless applicant instructs otherwise. If applicant does not wish to have any previously filed unentered amendment(s) entered, applicant must request non-entry of such amendment(s).
- a. Previously submitted. If a final Office action is outstanding, any amendments filed after the final Office action may be considered as a submission even if this box is not checked.
- i. Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _____
- ii. Other _____
- b. Enclosed
- i. Amendment/Reply with attachment (71 pages) iii. Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
- ii. Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s) iv. Other Fee transmittal (1 page + duplicate); Return receipt postcard
2. **Miscellaneous**
- a. Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 CFR 1.103(c) for a period of _____ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 CFR 1.17(i) required)
- b. Other _____
3. **Fees** The RCE fee under 37 CFR 1.17(e) is required by 37 CFR 1.114 when the RCE is filed.
- a. The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. 03-1952
- i. RCE fee required under 37 CFR 1.17(e)
- ii. Extension of time fee (37 CFR 1.136 and 1.17)
- iii. Other _____
- b. Check in the amount of \$ _____ enclosed
- c. Payment by credit card (Form PTO-2038 enclosed)

SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT, ATTORNEY, OR AGENT REQUIRED

Name (Print/Type)	Kate H. Murashige	Registration No. (Attorney/Agent)	29,959
Signature			Date
			August 19, 2004

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Dated: August 19, 2004

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FEE TRANSMITTAL for FY 2004

Effective 10/01/2003. Patent fees are subject to annual revision.

 Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27**TOTAL AMOUNT OF PAYMENT** (\$ 770.00)**Complete if Known**

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METHOD OF PAYMENT (check all that apply)

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 Deposit Account:

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Deposit Account Name Morrison & Foerster LLP

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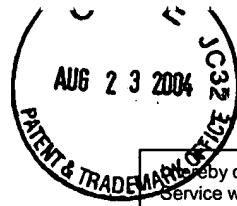
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FEE CALCULATION (continued)**3. ADDITIONAL FEES**

Large Entity	Small Entity	Fee Description	Fee Paid
Fee Code (\$)	Fee Code (\$)	Fee Description	Fee Paid
1051 130	2051 65	Surcharge - late filing fee or oath	
1052 50	2052 25	Surcharge - late provisional filing fee or cover sheet.	
1053 130	1053 130	Non-English specification	
1812 2,520	1812 2,520	For filing a request for ex parte reexamination	
1804 920*	1804 920*	Requesting publication of SIR prior to Examiner action	
1805 1,840*	1805 1,840*	Requesting publication of SIR after Examiner action	
1251 110	2251 55	Extension for reply within first month	
1252 420	2252 210	Extension for reply within second month	
1253 950	2253 475	Extension for reply within third month	
1254 1,480	2254 740	Extension for reply within fourth month	
1255 2,010	2255 1,005	Extension for reply within fifth month	
1401 330	2401 165	Notice of Appeal	
1402 330	2402 165	Filing a brief in support of an appeal	
1403 290	2403 145	Request for oral hearing	
1451 1,510	1451 1,510	Petition to institute a public use proceeding	
1452 110	2452 55	Petition to revive - unavoidable	
1453 1,330	2453 665	Petition to revive - unintentional	
1501 1,330	2501 665	Utility issue fee (or reissue)	
1502 480	2502 240	Design issue fee	
1503 640	2503 320	Plant issue fee	
1460 130	1460 130	Petitions to the Commissioner	
1807 50	1807 50	Processing fee under 37 CFR 1.17(q)	
1806 180	1806 180	Submission of Information Disclosure Stmt	
8021 40	8021 40	Recording each patent assignment per property (times number of properties)	
1809 770	2809 385	Filing a submission after final rejection (37 CFR 1.129(a))	
1810 770	2810 385	For each additional invention to be examined (37 CFR 1.129(b))	
1801 770	2801 385	Request for Continued Examination (RCE)	770.00
1802 900	1802 900	Request for expedited examination of a design application	
Other fee (specify)			
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In re Patent Application of:

Hendrik L. BIJL et al.

Application No.: 08/821,025

Art Unit: 1651

Filed: March 19, 1997

Examiner: Irene Marx

For: PROCESS FOR THE PREPARATION OF A
GRANULAR MICROBIAL BIOMASS AND
ISOLATION OF A COMPOUND
THEREFROM

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

MS RCE
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

This Amendment is filed along with a Request for Continued Examination in the above-referenced case. A Notice of Appeal was filed 15 July 2004 in response to a final Office action mailed 17 February 2004. This Amendment and Request for Continued Examination are thus filed within the two-month period set for filing an Appeal Brief.

It is believed that the amendments to the claims are helpful in advancing prosecution.

Reconsideration with respect to the amended claims is respectfully requested.